

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH/Passage

SUBJECT: National Military Appreciation Month . . . S. Res. 33. Passage.

ACTION: RESOLUTION AGREED TO, 93-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported and passed, S.Res. 33 will resolve that the Senate designates May 1999 as "National Military Appreciation Month" and will request that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to recognize and honor the dedication and commitment of the members of the United States Armed Forces and to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Those favoring passage contended:

In Congress, we spend many hours discussing this Nation's national security and how our Armed Forces will be used to secure America's defenses. We spend far too little time discussing what is central in making our national security possible--the individual service member. Great warplanes, warships, tanks and ground weapon systems are only as good as the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who man the front lines. Service members live by fundamental values: duty, honor, country. The United States is unique in the world in this respect. Its service personnel put their lives on the line not for danger or the thrill of combat, but for a higher cause. To do their job effectively, they must have faith in the society they serve. In turn, Americans must support and honor their Armed Forces. In the turmoil following Vietnam, General Fred Weyand wrote, "The American Army is really a people's Army in the sense that it belongs to the American people who take a jealous proprietary interest in its involvement . . . The American Army is not so much an arm of the Federal Government as it is an arm of the American people." We Americans should keep this in mind before we make the serious decisions which may put our best youngsters into harm's way. The American military is a national treasure for which we all are accountable. We urge our colleagues to join us in expressing appreciation for the men and women of our Armed Forces by voting in favor of passage of this resolution.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to passage.

YEAS (93)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (7)	
Republican (50 or 100%)		Democrats (43 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (5)	Democrats (2)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Kennedy			Bunning ⁻²	Harkin ⁻²
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Kerrey			Gramm ⁻²	Moynihan ^{-3AY}
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Bayh	Kerry			Hatch ⁻²	
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Kohl			McCain ⁻²	
Bond	Kyl	Bingaman	Landrieu			Stevens ⁻¹	
Brownback	Lott	Boxer	Lautenberg				
Burns	Lugar	Breaux	Leahy				
Campbell	Mack	Bryan	Levin				
Chafee	McConnell	Byrd	Lieberman				
Cochran	Murkowski	Cleland	Lincoln				
Collins	Nickles	Conrad	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Roberts	Daschle	Murray				
Craig	Roth	Dodd	Reed				
Crapo	Santorum	Dorgan	Reid				
DeWine	Sessions	Durbin	Robb				
Domenici	Shelby	Edwards	Rockefeller				
Enzi	Smith, Bob	Feingold	Sarbanes				
Fitzgerald	Smith, Gordon	Feinstein	Schumer				
Frist	Snowe	Graham	Torricelli				
Gorton	Specter	Hollings	Wellstone				
Grams	Thomas	Inouye	Wyden				
Grassley	Thompson	Johnson					
Gregg	Thurmond						
Hagel	Voinovich						
Helms	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay